

## Weather Forecast

Two inches of snow today. Snow and rain tonight. High and low today and tonight 34. Tomorrow, cloudy and colder. (Full report on Page A-2.)

Midnight	26	8 a.m.	26	11 a.m.	30
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## Grunewald Told Him He Acted For Senator Bridges in Inquiring About Tax Case, Oliphant Says

### Informed Caudle That Williams Was Probing Returns

By Cecil Holland and George Beveridge

Charles Oliphant testified today that Henry Grunewald, mysterious Washington figure, once told him he was representing Senator Bridges, Republican, of New Hampshire, in an inquiry about a tax case.

Mr. Oliphant, former chief counsel of the Internal Revenue Bureau, brought out the name of Senator Bridges as the House Ways and Means subcommittee investigating tax scandals looked further into his relations with Mr. Grunewald.

The slight, graying former official, testifying for the second day, acknowledged that he had tipped off Theron Lamar Caudle, that Senator Williams, Republican, of Delaware, had asked for his income tax returns.

Truman Confers With Chairman. But he vehemently denied the suggestion made by Representative Byrnes, Republican, of Wisconsin, that he had informed Mr. Caudle, fired by Mr. Truman as assistant Attorney General in charge of the Justice Department's tax division, that the House investigating subcommittee also had requested Mr. Caudle's income tax returns.

As the hearings proceeded, Chairman King of the House Ways and Means subcommittee, conferred with President Truman for 35 minutes this morning but would not discuss their conversation later with reporters.

Mr. King had only a "no comment" to successive questions, refusing even to say if he had sought the meeting with President Truman or had been called to the White House.

When a reporter quipped that it was rather difficult to write a story on "no comment," Mr. King responded that "sometimes that's more interesting than the story."

Oliphant Defends Actions. Mr. Oliphant defended his actions in informing Mr. Caudle of the Delaware Senator's request as "the fairly natural thing to do," and added:

"I think it was proper."

In other testimony as the subcommittee sought to wind up this week the present phase of its inquiry Mr. Oliphant also testified that Mr. Grunewald had discussed with him the matter of obtaining a pay raise.

He also said he had lunch frequently with Mr. Grunewald, who is under subpoena to appear before the committee, and that Mr. Grunewald "always paid the bill."

The discussion of whether Mr. Grunewald ever tried to help Mr. Oliphant get a pay raise revolved around a period when the chief counsel's job was being considered as one of 25 to be moved into a higher pay bracket.

Adrian W. De Wind, the subcommittee's chief counsel, asked if it were not true that Mr. Grunewald was trying to get this classification through.

"Not that I recall," Mr. Oliphant replied. He said he understood the jobs were being considered "on their merits" by the Civil Service Commission and that Mr. Grunewald "didn't ever tell me he could help me."

Phone Talk Record Read. He then read from his record of a telephone conversation with Mr. Grunewald on November 9, 1949, in which Mr. Grunewald asked if the President had the power to elevate the job. Mr. Oliphant replied, according to his

## G. O. P. Seeks Cabinet Firings, Fresh Probe of Truman Regime President's Defense of Tax Scandal Inquiry Draws Protests From Republicans

By Joseph A. Fox

President Truman's declaration that he had been cleaning house in the Government, and would continue to fire wrongdoers, today was countered by Republican demands for cabinet dismissals, a new congressional inquiry into administration operations and a challenge to make an issue of the scandals in next year's campaign.

The President's defense of his course at a news conference yesterday brought a prompt retort from Senator Taft, Republican, of Ohio, who said that he doubted the administration "can ever succeed in reforming itself."

Senator Nixon, Republican, of California, another foe of the administration, told reporters he regarded Mr. Truman's news conference statement as equivalent to "telling the country there will be no cleanup."

In the brisk news conference colloquy, the President said flatly that no cabinet heads were due to roll, and he left open the question of whether he would set up some special investigative machinery to go into the tax scandals and similar developments in other fields. He held out the possibility that something would be done this week.

Arguing that the magnitude of the wrongdoing in the tax service, which House investigators have barred, is no greater than in former years, the President said that his administration has been constantly at work to eliminate wrongdoers, and had moved in on several cases before the House subcommittee came along and made the headlines.

His statement that the number of dismissals was about the same this year as in past years recalled that Revenue Commissioner John B. Dunlap reported two days ago that at least 113 officials and employees in the tax service have been ousted so far this year, as compared with 40 last year, 36 the year before and an average of 46 over the past five years.

Senator "Smathers," Democrat, of Florida, said in a statement that the country will emerge stronger and healthier from a cleanup, and added that inquiries (See POLITICS, Page A-8.)

## Three 'Neutrals' Approached for Armistice Role

U. S. Asks Sweden, Norway, Switzerland To Inspect in Korea

By the Associated Press

The United States has alerted three nations—Sweden, Norway and Switzerland—that they may be proposed as members of "non-belligerent" inspection teams in event of an armistice in Korea.

The proposed teams would maintain a check on whether the Com-

Three Allied Planes Lost to Flak While U. S. Jets Destroy 1 MIG. Page A-2

Allies Put Full Blame on Reds if Talks Fail Over Prisoners. Page A-32

Geneva Convention Flouted Deliberately by Reds, U. N. Says. Page A-32

The approach to the three nations was made through their Ambassadors here yesterday by John D. Hickerson, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs.

Mr. Hickerson, it was learned, told the Ambassadors the United States would like to know whether their governments had any objections to participation on an inspection commission.

They were told that in principle the United Nations Korean command probably could accept the armistice inspection idea.

The Communists have referred to this idea as inspection by "neutral" teams; the United Nations, as Mr. Hickerson explained, to the envoys, call for "non-belligerent" teams.

Mr. Hickerson is reported to have said that the American Government did not believe that any United Nations member could be considered as neutral in the Korean conflict but that many members without troops in Korea were clearly "non-belligerent."

Reds Refuse to Supply List of Their Prisoners

MUNSAN, Korea, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Reds flatly refused today to lift the curtain of secrecy surrounding their prison camps, but said they would okay the rotation of 5,000 troops a month if the Allies accept other Communist terms for enforcing a Korean truce.

The limited rotation plan was part of a new six-point Communist proposal which made little impression on Allied negotiators. An official U. N. communiqué made no mention of rotation and said the proposal showed "little significant departure from the unacceptable proposal of December 3."

Red delegates have indicated they might accept a Communist proposal to use representatives of neutral nations for behind-the-scenes inspections if an armistice is agreed on.

Red delegates said International Red Cross inspection of Communist prison camps was "out of the question."

Communists Make Slip. They again refused to turn over lists of Allied prisoners unless the U. N. command first accepts the Communist idea of exchanging all prisoners. Rear Admiral R. E. Libby wanted to know why. He asked:

"Is it because your list contains just a handful of names and you are ashamed to give it to us?"

Later a U. N. spokesman said the Allies would be "more receptive" to the Red's all-for-all exchange proposal if the Communists first turned over a list of prisoners the U. N. command considers accurate.

The Reds complained the great majority of prisoners held by the U. N. would not be returned if an exchange were made on a man-for-man basis as the Allies want.

A U. N. spokesman called the Communists' remark a slip.

A U. N. command broadcast charged that the Red secrecy concerning prisoners was "blackmail" to win their armistice demands.



## Joan Bennett's Husband Faces Court in Shooting of Her Agent

Walter Wanger Wounds TV Executive Twice As He Chats With Actress on Parking Lot

By the Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 14.—Before the horrified eyes of his wife, Joan Bennett, Producer Walter Wanger, 57, shot down her agent in a parking lot last night "because he broke up my home."

The greying moviemaker approached the pair as they were chatting and without saying a word fired two shots from a .38 caliber pistol at point blank range.

The agent, Jennings Lang, 39, was seriously wounded in the groin and leg and underwent surgery lasting an hour and a half. Miss Bennett said she and Lang had been together on business during the afternoon. She denied any romantic interest in him.

Mr. Wanger was booked on suspicion of assault with intent to commit murder. He spent the night in jail and was to be arraigned later today on a similar formal charge or one of assault with a deadly weapon.

A bullet ripped through the left front fender of Miss Bennett's green Cadillac convertible. She was sitting in the car when the gun roared, about 5:30 p.m., in a parking lot across the street from the Beverly Hills police station.

Mr. Lang was standing by the car, talking to her. He doubled over, clutching at his abdomen.

Chief Anderson quoted Miss Bennett as saying she told Mr. Wanger: "Get away and leave us alone."

She told the police chief that her relations with her agent were purely business.

Sid Holzman, manager of a service station on the parking lot, drove Mr. Lang to his doctor's office on Wilshire boulevard in Miss Bennett's car. She went along. Mr. Lang later was removed to a hospital.

Two policemen took Mr. Wanger into custody on the parking lot. Miss Bennett, 41—one of the movies' "glamorous grandees" like Marlene Dietrich and Gloria Swanson—was quoted by Chief Anderson as relating:

About 2:30 p.m. she went into the nearby Music Corp. of America building to see Lang, her agent for 12 years.

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## Virginia Man Named To Social Work Post In D. C. Juvenile Court

Richmond Attache Picked To Fill \$7,040 Position Formerly Held by Woman

Appointment of Henry J. Palmieri of Richmond, Va., as director of social work for the District's Juvenile Court was announced today by Judge Edith H. Cockrill. The appointment takes effect January 16.

The post has been vacant for more than six months. The last director, Miss Helaine Todd, resigned May 28 in protest against Judge Cockrill's policies.

The new appointee is the first man to hold the post.

Mr. Palmieri for the last five years has been chief probation officer of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Richmond. He has also been superintendent of the Richmond Juvenile Detention Home.

Served in Ohio, New York. Previously he had been a juvenile court attaché in Ohio and New York City, and Judge Cockrill said he has had an extensive background as a social worker. He is 42.

Judge Cockrill first disclosed the appointment at a meeting of the Juvenile Court Advisory Committee yesterday afternoon, but withheld the new director's identity until after informing the court staff this morning.

In the preliminary announcement yesterday, the judge stressed that the new director would be a man, recalling that a special study committee last spring urged more male staff members for the court.

The director's post, which pays \$7,040 a year, has been a key spot in the extended controversy which has enveloped the court for nearly two years.

Reached in Richmond, the new director said he had "discussed the full situation" of the court with Judge Cockrill before accepting the appointment, and he added:

"I am in complete accord with Judge Cockrill on what is to be done with respect to the services rendered by the court."

He said he had a lengthy conference with the judge here but had not yet talked with staff members.

Judge Criticized. Miss Todd's predecessor as director, Miss Virginia Clark, also resigned in a dispute with the judge. Four other court workers have handed in protest resignations.

Judge Cockrill came under heavy fire in the spring because of an order she had issued, severely curtailing the release of information to other agencies involved in the court's cases.

Miss Claire Fagrie, probation supervisor, and Miss Clark were the first to resign, in June, 1950. Next were Mrs. Helen Cooper, a department supervisor, and Miss Todd, both last May. They were followed by Mrs. Grace W. Bell and Mrs. Caroline Hughes, case workers.

Two Show Girls, Man Hurt In Freak Road Accident

A New York man and two Baltimore show girls were injured early today in a freak accident involving a tractor-trailer truck on the Baltimore-Washington boulevard near Baltimore, State police reported.

The car in which they were riding was coasting backward down a hill after running out of gasoline, police said. A Baltimore-bound tractor-trailer truck, proceeding up the hill, sideswiped the car at West Elbridge Hills.

Taken to St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore were Harold Freedman, 28, of New York; May Stater, 18, and Terry Gayle, 24, both of Baltimore. Miss Stater's condition was described as serious.

Police said Miss Stater is a singer and Miss Gayle is a dancer in Baltimore night clubs.

## Summer Pike Resigns as AEC Commissioner

Was Original Member Of Board; Five Years Of Service Praised

The White House today announced the resignation of Summer T. Pike as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission, effective tomorrow night.

Mr. Pike, a Maine Republican, was one of the original members of the commission when it was set up five years ago. He earlier had served on the Securities Exchange Commission.

The undated letter of resignation disclosed that Mr. Pike had asked to be relieved October 31 which he told the President would mark the end of his fifth year on the commission.

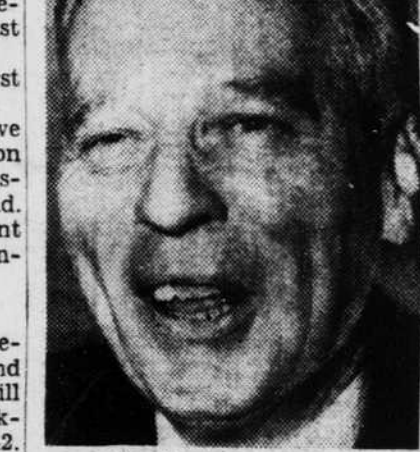
He termed his service there "the most interesting and rewarding task of my working life."

Lauded by Truman. In accepting the resignation of the 60-year-old commissioner, the President said:

"I want you to know that I deeply appreciate the more than five years of selfless and devoted service which you have contributed to the national atomic energy program. The mature wisdom, wide knowledge, varied talent and integrity which you have brought to bear upon the problems of the commission during its crucial formative years have been invaluable in helping to set the course of atomic energy development in this country."

The President added that "as the sole remaining original member of the commission your loss will be sorely felt."

Was Reappointed Twice. Mr. Pike was first appointed a commissioner late in October, 1946, was reappointed in 1948, and again in 1950. At that time there



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was a serious fight over his confirmation.

By a 5-4 vote, Senate members of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy reported unfavorably on the nomination by President Truman. The President stuck by the nominee, blasted the four Republicans and, eventually, saw the nomination go through the Senate by a lopsided count.

Senator Hickenlooper, Republican, of Iowa had accused Mr. Pike of opposing the development of the hydrogen bomb but the commissioner said he merely took time to study the matter and finally concluded that it should be developed.

Acting Chairman. Mr. Pike was acting chairman of the AEC for several months after David E. Lilienthal resigned in February, 1950.

In 1939 and 1940 Mr. Pike was an adviser to the Secretary of Commerce, the late Harry Hopkins, and for six years thereafter was a member of the Security and Exchange Commission.

He tried to retire twice before—once in 1939 and once in 1946. Then he was chosen for the first Atomic Energy Commission.

An AEC spokesman said Commissioner Pike wanted to retire about a year ago, but agreed to remain on duty because several fellow members were new appointees and he thought he should stay to maintain continuity of the atomic program.

Novelist Wins Divorce

RENO, Nev., Dec. 14 (AP)—Novelist Betty Smith, author of the best seller, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," was divorced here yesterday from Joseph Piper Jones of Chapel Hill, N. C.

Featured Reading Inside Today's Star

THE DOWNSIDE MAYOR—Mayor G. LaMar Kelly, Jr., of Rockville, is back home on a round-the-world trip, and it's about time. The Maryland city needs a couple of new water wells, and the Mayor is a "dowser." How he goes about finding water is told in a story by Joyce Lynn Greengard on page A-25.

SANTA CLAUS AT GRIFFITH STADIUM—Santa Claus is coming to Griffith Stadium again. He will arrive Sunday between the halves at the Redskins game with the Pittsburgh Steelers being kept secret. Star Staff Reporter George Kennedy describes past arrivals on page A-5.

HOMEMAKERS—The Christmas spirit is kept alive throughout the year by the Homemakers Clubs of the Department of Agriculture. Their activities are portrayed in a picture story on page B-1.

## Santa's Helper Came From Norway

Kris Kringle, Santa's helper who drives the reindeer, was originated by Norwegians who thought Santa Claus needed aid in his gift-distributing job.

If you need help in selecting economical Christmas gifts, consult the "miscellaneous for sale" column of the Star classified section. The Star offers more classified selections than the three other Washington newspapers combined.

If you want to sell outgrown toys and other gift items, place a classified ad in the Star. The deadline for Sunday ads is 2 p.m. tomorrow, but you can avoid a last-minute rush by calling now. Phone Sterling 5000.